

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting

The speaker for the March 29th meeting will be Harry Max Hill. Mr. Hill is a Senior Librarian at the Genealogy & History Unit of the Fort Worth Public Library. One of his special interests is American military history. His presentation will be about the records of the Civil War, particularly the published set of "War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies". As usual, the meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the Fort Worth Public Library Tandy Lecture Hall. Parking is free on the meters around the Library after 6:00 pm and in the Sundance Parking lot on 3rd and Taylor after 7:00 pm. Come early to do research in the Genealogy unit and for refreshments. Coffee will be available at 6:30 pm.

February Regular Monthly Meeting

On February 23rd, the general meeting of the FWGS was held at the Fort Worth Public Library. More than thirty members and guests enjoyed hot coffee and cookies brought by Fred and Virginia Brown. President Rob Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, asked that the minutes and treasurer's report be read, and made several announcements. Vice President Weldon Hudson then presented the speaker for the evening. The speaker, Tom Clark, a public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, discussed the federal benefits program. The records of the SSA have genealogical value and are available to the public after the recipient's death. An index of the late recipients is available on the Internet at ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi and other sites, none of which are endorsed by the federal government. Once you have determined that a recipient has died, you can apply for a copy of the original application. The address to apply is SSA, Office of Earnings Operation, FOIA Workgroup, P. O. Box 33022, Baltimore, MD 21290 or you can contact your local SSA office. The cost is \$27.00 if you know the decedent's number. For more information about the index and the records, see "A Much Misunderstood Index" at www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/article.htm.

Ancestry in Action Genealogy Fair

Sponsored by the Fort Worth Public Library and the Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Volunteers are needed. Contact Don Crews <dcrews@nyab.com> or the Library (817) 871-7740.

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\$23 Individual

\$50 or more Sustaining

Renewing for Year:

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Renew your FWGS Membership by sending your name, address and email to:
Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 9767, Fort Worth, Texas 76147-2767

FWGS CALENDAR

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL
TANDY LECTURE HALL

500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

PROGRAM: HARRY MAX HILL TO PRESENT
"CIVIL WAR RECORDS"

COMPUTER USERS GROUP

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2004

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL

INTEL COMPUTER LAB

500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Monthly Day Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Board of Directors Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2004

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Tarrant County Marriage Index

For Tarrant County researchers, a marriage index recently became available on the Internet. At www.tarrantcounty.com, you can click free of charge on the marriage records. The database is searchable by name of the bride or groom, by the certificate number, and by range of dates of either the application or marriage. It contains the license number, names of the groom and bride, the dates of the application and marriage, and volume and page number. You can then contact the County Clerk's Office to obtain a copy of the actual record. The time period for the database is 1945 to the present. There is still a gap between Weldon Hudson's and Helen Markgraf's books that cover 1876 to 1901 and this database. Like all computer records, there is numerous data entry. For example, one look up brought up a marriage that occurs in the year 2655. Nonetheless, genealogical researchers have a new, invaluable tool to use.

Up Coming Community Genealogy Events

April 17, 2004
(Saturday)
8:30 am

The Van Zandt County Genealogical Society Annual Seminar **Garden Valley Golf Resort, Canton, Texas**

Interested parties should contact the Van Zandt County Genealogical Society at 903-567-5012, or write to the Van Zandt County Library of Genealogy and Local History, P.O. Box 716, Canton, TX 75103.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/%7etxvzcg/vzgs.htm>

April 24, 2004
(Saturday)

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Fort Worth Public Library, Fort Worth, Texas

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September 8 - 11,
2004
(Wednesday -
Saturday)

Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations **Austin, Texas**

For more information, contact (888) FGS-1500 or www.fgs.org

Registration Forms available at the FWPL Genealogy Unit

FWGS Monthly Events

1 st Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editors*
2 nd Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
2 nd Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
2 nd Thursday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central

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